

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, and has become the world's largest volunteer organization with over 1.2 million members worldwide, with 27 clubs in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Nearly 1,600 men and women across the state of South Dakota proudly contribute volunteer time and talent in service across our great state to provide their communities with scholarships for high school seniors, opportunities to study abroad as exchange students and ambassadorial scholars, improve city parks, provide library books and bike helmets for children, funding for children's homes in Rapid City and Sioux Falls, as well as relief in poverty stricken communities around the world with solar ovens, wells for clean water, medical facilities and supplies; and,

Whereas, Members of Rotary International have played a major role worldwide in efforts to eradicate polio by contributing over \$600 million, as well as countless volunteer hours administering the vaccine in polio endemic countries; and,

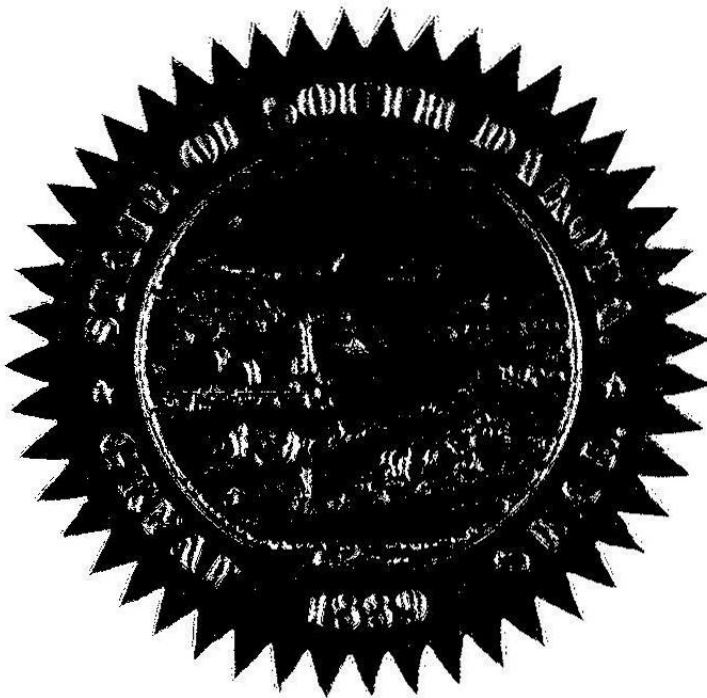
Whereas, The 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International will take place on February 23, 2005, with Rotarians worldwide celebrating:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2005, as

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State